

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1192 Labour Party members

Fieldwork: 17th - 19th September 2008

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Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	8
Fairly well	41
TOTAL WELL	49
Fairly badly	36
Very badly	13
TOTAL BADLY	49
Don't know	2

Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	4
Fairly well	42
TOTAL WELL	46
Fairly badly	24
Very badly	22
TOTAL BADLY	46
Don't know	8

Do you think Alistair Darling is doing well or badly as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Very well	8
Fairly well	44
TOTAL WELL	52
Fairly badly	31
Very badly	12
TOTAL BADLY	43
Don't know	5

Who do you rate more highly as Prime Minister Tony Blair or Gordon Brown?

Tony Blair	56
Gordon Brown	13
I rate them equally – both highly	17
I rate them equally – neither highly	11
Don't know	2

In recent months, opinion polls have shown that Gordon Brown's ratings are low.

Which these factors do you think have contributed to his low ratings? [Please tick all that apply]

The 'credit crunch' and rising food and energy prices	72
Hostile coverage in the media	71
Policy errors such as the abolition of the 10p tax rate	61
Mr Brown's personality and style of leadership	52
None of these	1
Don't know	1

Do you think Mr Brown's policies overall are too radical, not radical enough, or does he get the balance about right?

Mr Brown is too radical	5
He is not radical enough	66
He gets the balance about right	22
Don't know	8

Here are some comments that have been made about Gordon Brown. In each case do you agree or disagree with them?

Since 1997, Mr Brown has done too much to help the rich and not enough to help the poor

Agree	39
Disagree	55
Don't know	6

Mr Brown has an exciting vision for Britain's future

Agree	34
Disagree	47
Don't know	19

Mr Brown is too indecisive and dithers too much

Agree	53
Disagree	36
Don't know	11

Mr Brown is more honest than most politicians

Agree	67
Disagree	16
Don't know	16

Mr Brown is out of touch with the lives of ordinary voters

Agree	35
Disagree	54
Don't know	11

Last weekend Barry Gardiner, a Labour MP, accused Mr Brown of "vacillation, loss of international credibility and timorous political manoeuvres that the public cannot understand". Do you agree or disagree with his criticism?

Agree	41
Disagree	48
Don't know	11

Some people say that the process of reforming Britain's public services begun by Tony Blair has stalled under Gordon Brown.

Do you think...

Mr Brown has WRONGLY stalled Mr Blair's programme of reforming our public services	21
Mr Brown has RIGHTLY stalled Mr Blair's programme of reforming our public services	18
Fortunately, the process of reforming public services has NOT been stalled	30
Unfortunately, the process of reforming public services has NOT been stalled	14
Don't know	18

The Government has recently announced measures to help first-time home-buyers and people facing difficulties paying their mortgages. Do you think these measures will..

Help such people a lot	10
Help them to some extent	58
Not help them much	24
Not help them at all	5
Don't know	3

The Government has also announced measures to help older people, and poorer families, to install better insulation double-glazing and more efficient boilers Do you think these measures will..

Help such people a lot	22
Help them to some extent	50
Not help them much	20
Not help them at all	5
Don't know	2

Here are some measures that it has been suggested the Government should take during Britain's current economic difficulties. In each case, would you support or oppose the measure?

Impose a windfall tax on the major energy companies

Support	73
Oppose	17
Don't know	10

Increase the rate of income tax to 50p in the pound on incomes above £100,000 a year

Support	78
Oppose	15
Don't know	7

Spend more on public sector pay, so that people working for local and national government receive pay increases of around 5% in the coming year

Support	56
Oppose	32
Don't know	12

If there is a Cabinet reshuffle in the next few weeks, which, if any, of the following cabinet ministers do you think Mr Brown should sack? [Please tick all that apply]

Ruth Kelly, the Transport Secretary	26
Alistair Darling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer	21
Jacqui Smith, the Home Secretary	18
Harriet Harman, the Leader of the House of Commons and Deputy Labour leader	15
Des Browne, the Defence and Scottish Secretary	14
Ed Balls, the Schools Secretary	13
David Miliband, the Foreign Secretary	13
Jack Straw, the Justice Secretary	9
None of these	32
Don't know	14

Some people say the Cabinet is too 'lightweight' with not enough senior figures. Do you agree or disagree with this?

Agree - it is too lightweight	39
Disagree	48
Don't know	13

Again, if there is a reshuffle, which, if any, of the following former Cabinet ministers / Labour MPs do you think Mr Brown should invite into his cabinet? [Please tick all that apply]

Margaret Beckett	39
Peter Hain	30
John Reid	29
David Blunkett	27
Jon Cruddas	24
Alan Milburn	24
Charles Clarke	16
Peter Mandelson	14
Stephen Byers	12
None of these	9
Don't know	11

Gordon Brown has sacked two MPs who have called for a contest – one from being a junior minister the other from being a vice-chair of the Labour Party. Do you think Mr Brown was right or wrong to sack them?

Right to sack them	62
Wrong	27
Don't know	11

Leaving aside your personal views about Mr Brown, which of these views comes closer to your own, regarding the Labour Party's conference, which starts this coming weekend?

The Conference should debate whether to hold a leadership contest, so the matter can be decided one way or the other	37
Such a debate should not be held, for it would be a distraction from the important policy issues facing the country	57
Don't know	6

If such a debate were held, would you prefer Labour's conference to vote for or against holding a leadership election (in which Mr Brown might or might not stand)?

For holding a leadership election	40
Against	52
Don't know	8

Some Labour MPs say there should be a Labour Party leadership contest soon, to determine whether Gordon Brown should or should not remain party leader. Which of the following best sums up your view?

I would like to see a leadership contest with Mr Brown winning and continuing as leader and prime minister	17
I would like to see a contest and somebody else taking over	33
I don't think there should be a contest	44
Don't know	7

Do you think Gordon Brown should or should not lead Labour into the next general election?

Gordon Brown should lead Labour into the next general election	52
He should not	37
Don't know	11

If, for any reason, Gordon Brown were to be replaced as Labour leader and Prime Minister BEFORE the next general election, which of these Labour MPs would you most prefer to succeed him?

Excluding don't knows

David Miliband	31
Jack Straw	18
Alan Johnson	18
Jon Cruddas	9
Harriet Harman	8
Alan Milburn	5
Ed Balls	3
Jacqui Smith	3
Charles Clarke	3
James Purnell	2

Total sample

David Miliband	23
Jack Straw	13
Alan Johnson	13
Jon Cruddas	7
Harriet Harman	6
Alan Milburn	4
Ed Balls	2
Jacqui Smith	2
Charles Clarke	2
James Purnell	1
Don't know	25

Under Labour's rules, if Gordon Brown does resign, there would be an election for the party's new leader, that, if contested, could take around six weeks. If Mr Brown does resign, do you think...

There should be proper election with rival candidates, even if this does take six weeks	73
It would be better for there to be only one candidate, and a new party leader and Prime Minister to take over more quickly	18
Don't know	8

If Gordon Brown stepped down as Prime Minister and were replaced by another figure, when do you think there should be a General Election?

Immediately	13
Within 6 months	15
Within a year	12
Parliament should run its course until May 2010	57
Don't know	4

If Mr Brown remains Labour leader up to the next election do you think Labour will

...	
Definitely win the next general election	4
Probably win the election	25
TOTAL WIN	29
Probably lose the election	44
Definitely lose the election	16
TOTAL LOSE	60
Not sure	11

If Mr Brown steps down and Labour elects a new leader do you think Labour will ...

Definitely win the next general election	4
Probably win the election	33
TOTAL WIN	37
Probably lose the election	42
Definitely lose the election	5
TOTAL LOSE	47
Not sure	16